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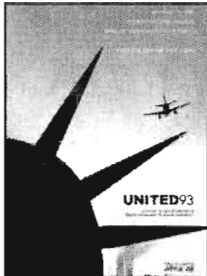
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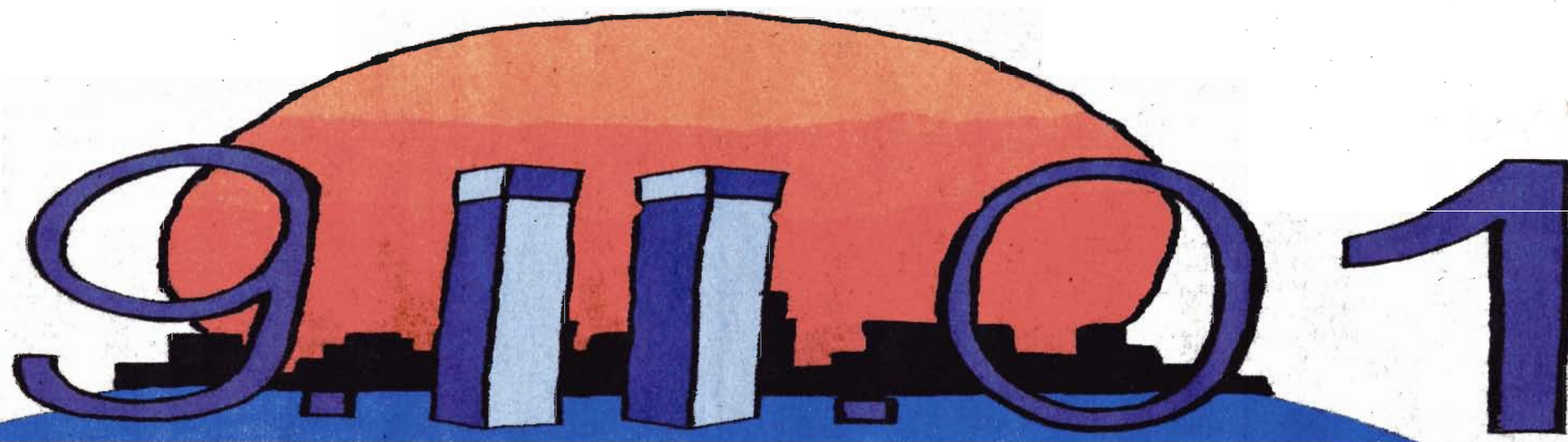
# THE CHANTICLEER

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## Summe, Williams speak at 9/11 remembrance

By Nick Lehwald  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

This week, the nation and Jacksonville State University took time out of their busy day to remember and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. On the five-year anniversary of the most deadly terrorist attack on American soil, JSU hosted a remembrance with a showing of the documentary 9/11 in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

The remembrance, hosted by the Counseling and Career Services, 92J, The Chanticleer and The Mimosa, featured two guest speakers, Ms. Pearl Williams, a pastor at First Methodist here in Jacksonville, and Colonel Jack Summe, who is a member of US Special Operations Command near Tampa, FL.

"I think that everyone should come to this. This is our history and an event that shaped our nation and this world. I think that history teachers



Photo by Blair Eddings  
Pearl Williams

that evening, her daughter-in-law called and said that Dwayne had not come home. The next night, an Army Lieutenant and Chaplain came to Williams' house to tell her that her son was

missing.

Five days after the attacks, Williams went to Washington, D.C. and attended the military briefings for families of the missing.

"They asked us to give blood," she said. "They needed blood to do DNA testing."

On September 21, 2001, Maj. Dwayne Williams' remains were identified.

"My son touched so many lives in a positive way," said Williams. "He has inspired me to make a difference.

in love. Because people reached out to me, I wanted to reach out to other people. God comforts us in our afflictions so we can comfort each other."

Williams finished by encouraging students not to waste opportunities that came their way.

"We write a chapter of our lives each day," she said. "We too, can make a difference."

The next speaker was Col. Summe, who was at his office in the Pentagon the day of the

evacuate.

"We had done one evacuation drill during my time there," said Summe.

"We were to go up this stair, down

future."

After the two speakers had finished, there was a showing of 9/11. This documentary was originally about the training and probationary period of a New York City firefighter.

It accidentally became a movie documenting the journey of New York's bravest as they ran towards the Trade Towers, instead of away from them.

The remembrance, which was held in the Leone Cole Auditorium, was well attended by students and staff.

"I think that it's important to remember. I think that in order to remember it, we should make it a holiday, like a memorial day or something," said sophomore Lesilee Miller.

Her sentiments were





to this. This is our history and an event that shaped our nation and this world. I think that history teachers should have required students to attend," said senior Desiree Hinkson.

Williams, who lost her son, Major Dwayne Williams, in the Pentagon attack, spoke passionately and strongly about her son and his dedication to his country and the events that changed her and everyone's lives that day.

Williams was working at JSU in the ACE Learning Center when she saw the attacks on television.

"I just screamed," she said. "I just knew my son was dead."

Williams called her son and daughter-in-law, but got no answer. Later

"My son touched so many lives in a positive way," said Williams. "He has inspired me to make a difference. I know I have grown spiritually. God has turned my tragedy into triumph."

After returning from D.C., Williams retired from JSU and became an avid supporter of 9/11 victims and their families. She spent almost a year raising funds for a memorial for her son, and then spent another year building a memorial for veterans of the Vietnam, WWI, WWII, and Korean wars in Jacksonville. She received her pastor's license in 2004.

"People in Alabama reached out to me in my time of need," she said. "They reached out to me

his office in the Pentagon the day of the attack.

"It started just like any other day," he said.

The first warning of anything going wrong was a co-worker telling Summe that the World Trade Center was on fire. When the second plane hit, Summe realized that it was an attack.

"I called my general," Summe said. "He told us to stand fast."

While watching the television, Summe and his staff saw the ticker tape that said the Pentagon had been hit.

"The Pentagon is a huge building, and I think the plane had knocked out the alarm system," said Summe.

They heard a commotion in the hall and were told to

this hall, and outside, where we would then do a head count."

Summe said everything was fairly calm until Pentagon security told the assembled crowd to run.

"They had heard about Flight 93, and that it was headed towards the Pentagon," said Summe. "So we ran to the metro and went home. I went back to the office that night. I had to go through six separate checkpoints, and I had also walked through an area where lifesaving had taken place."

Summe then discussed the significance of the attack that day.

"We must send the message that the events of 9/11 are not acceptable and we must actively fight terrorism around the globe and defeat extremist ideology to insure a safe and secure



Photo by Blair Eddings

The memorial for Pearl Williams' son, Army Major Dwayne Williams. Pearl Williams was working at JSU on 9/11.

Lesilee Miller.

Her sentiments were echoed by several of her fellow students.

"It didn't feel right not to come. It's good to honor the families of the victims," said freshman

Felicia Williams.



Photo courtesy Pearl Williams  
Major Dwayne Williams

# Coaching minor now offered

By Jason Bollen  
*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Jacksonville State University has a wide range of minors, but a new minor, Coaching, is coming as early as this spring.

"[It is offered to] prepare young people to go into the schools and know how to coach," said Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Jeff Chandler.

The minor will consist of the current system for a coaching concentration, which includes three hours of coaching conditioning and three hours of basic athletic training. The difference will be newly added classes that count for one or two credit hours. These classes will be a kind of tag-team teaching with a standard instructor administering tests and other necessary standards

and an actual coach coming into the classroom giving instruction.

"We want to get coaches into the classroom," said Chandler.

The courses will emphasize specific fields while giving a general understanding of all sports that are offered at JSU. These courses will teach the fundamentals of coaching defense, offense kicking and anything else is included in each sport.

To receive a minor in coaching, as with most minors, the student must accumulate 18 hours in this area of study.

This minor is considered an asset to public school teachers who find themselves coaching in conjunction with teaching.

Anyone interested in more information can contact Jeff Chandler at 256-782-5515.



Photo by Blair Eddings  
Colonel Jack N. Summe, U.S. Army

# Books for Baghdad receives thank you letter

By Jessica Summe  
*The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief*

Jacksonville State University's second Books for Baghdad drive, led by Dr. Safaa Al-Hamdani, was a rousing success. Approximately 20,000 books were sent to Baghdad University in Iraq during the summer, and Al-Hamdani recently received a letter of thanks from the Vice-President of Scientific Affairs at Baghdad University.

(See sidebar)  
The completion of JSU's second book drive brings the total number of donated texts to over 31,000. In recognition of this effort from JSU and other contributing colleges, the University of Baghdad will hold a special presentation honoring their generous donors. The United States Embassy in Baghdad, International Relief and Development and other international agencies will also contribute to the event.

"We [JSU] are well-known over there," said Al-Hamdani. "We are famous because we have contributed so much. In fact, other

universities in Iraq are now asking for our help."

One such institution is Mustansria University, the second-largest university in Iraq — they have a student population of over 50,000.

At the moment, Al-Hamdani, along with the rest of the books for Baghdad committee, are optimistic about continuing the program this year, maybe within the next few weeks.

**"We are well-known over there," said Al-Hamdani.**

Another development in the Books for Baghdad program is the possibility of a student exchange program between Baghdad University and JSU.

"I think it'd be a pretty unique experience, both culturally and educationally," said Jared Sorensen, a political science major. "I would go."

"That [program] is open to us as soon as peace comes," said Al-Hamdani. "They would love to have people from the United States."

On behalf of the president of the University of Baghdad and myself, I am writing to thank you and all the people in your campus, faculty, students, and staff who helped Prof. Safaa Al-Hamdani (Professor of Biology in the Biology Department) in collecting books and shipping them to Baghdad.

We are sure that without the support of Jacksonville State University, this monumental task would not have been accomplished.

God bless for all those who are friends to Iraq and its people.

Yours faithfully,  
Prof. Dr. Hatim Jabar  
Vice President of the  
Baghdad University for  
Scientific Affairs



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Alpha Omicron Pi:** We hope that everyone has a great week! Congrats to all our newly pledged in girls! Good luck to all JSU sports this week. **Contact:** Meredith, Merharvey@aol.com.

**Campus Outreach:** There will be a fall retreat on Sept. 22-23 and a Christmas Conference on Dec. 27-31. **Contact:** Seth, sethterrell@campusoutreach.org.

**College Republicans:** College Republicans is hosting a tailgate on Sept. 16 at the Gamecock Field from 12:30 p.m. until kick-off. There will be free food and drinks. **Contact:** Vanessa, jsu2682k@jsu.edu.

**Counseling and Career Services and Peer Educators:** Counseling and Career Services along with Peer Educators are sponsoring Take a Friend to the Health Fair on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. **Contact:** Ms. Shelton, lshelton@jsu.edu.

**Friends of the Library:** Bret Lott, author of 12 books and new editor of *The Southern Review*, will be speaking at the library Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. There will be books available for purchase and signing.

**JSU Ambassadors:** We hope to see you at Family Day Saturday morning, Sept. 16 at the Gamecock Field. Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Allison, allison\_land@comcast.net.

**JSU Rugby Club:** JSU Rugby v. Birmingham Vulcans will be Saturday, Sept. 16 at Ramsey Park in Birmingham. If you want to attend, they will be leaving from the International House at 9:30 a.m. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Paul Carpenter Village Field. **Contact:** Jared, jsu1505m@jsu.edu.

**Organizational Council:** All organizations please make sure you have an updated information sheet in the Office of Student Life, 402 TMB. **Contact:** Allison, sgavpea@jsu.edu.

**PRO:** The Public Relations Organization will have a meeting on Monday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. at the back of *The Mimosa* office in Self Hall. **Contact:** Jaclyn, 256-404-2590.

**Writer's Club:** The Writer's Club will be meeting Mondays at 3 p.m. on the 7th floor of the library. Nominations for officers will be Sept. 18. Voting will be on Sept. 25. **Contact:** Dr. Harding, pharding@jsu.edu.

92J: 92J will be raffling off his prize

## The Chanticleer editorial cartoon



## Day in the life: Mardracus Russell

By Toni Merriss  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

With a personality that lights up any room he enters, it is easy to see why senior Social Science Education major Mardracus "Drake" Russell is so popular on campus that he was once voted "Mr. Friendly." In addition to currently serving as Student Government Association President, Drake has held many important positions on campus throughout his

into his college experience. He hopes through his leadership he will send the message that "college is not only a time for book learning, but it is also a time to interact with people from all different backgrounds. Students need to get an all around education," Russell said.

Being only the second person in JSU SGA history to hold the office of President for two consecutive terms is very important to Russell. "Since the student governments establishment in 1946, Chris Dorman (the President from

# JSU students recall 9/11

September 11, 2001. It is a day that is forever burned in the minds of Americans everywhere. There is no explanation necessary; the terrorist attacks made on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have been described as the Vietnam or Korean Wars of our generation. Students here at JSU remember the events of 9/11 and how they were affected personally.

"It was the reason I joined the Army. My whole family lives in the D.C. area, so the attack on the Pentagon really struck home. I want to protect my family and the other families in America. My brother was supposed to be on the plane that hit the Pentagon, but his plans got changed beforehand. Before 9/11, I didn't really care what was going on in Afghanistan or Iraq. I didn't think things there affected me. Now, although D.C. is my home, it doesn't feel the same anymore. Now there are signs everywhere that say to 'report suspicious activity,'" said cadet Michael Miller.

"It really hasn't [affected my view of the world]. Everyone seems to hate everyone else no matter what. It did change my views on politics, though. Politicians never seem to want to change anything unless something bad has happened," said sophomore Justin Ross.

"9/11 didn't really have an effect on my career. I was in the Navy on the USS Enterprise in the south Arabian Sea the day of the attack, and when we got word, we immediately did a 360 and sailed to the north Arabian Sea. We stayed there for several months and were the first carrier to send planes into Afghanistan on Oct. 11," said cadet Chris Nolen.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, I was in high school. I was sitting in 11th-grade biology class when my friend came into the room and told my teacher to turn on the news. There we all sat in shocked silence and watched history unfold. I was numb with disbelief that human beings could do such a thing to countless other human beings. I had no conscious thoughts other than 'why?'. I simply stared," said Valerie Piel.

"It hurt my feelings because of what the hijackers did, and I believe it should be a national holiday," said Jeremy Blakely.

"I was in my 9th-grade math class, and we had just taken a test. And my Spanish teacher ran in and told my math teacher to turn on the television. When she did, I saw the second plane hit," said Allison Nichols.

"I was at home and [had] just gotten up. I was eating breakfast, turned on the television and saw the second plane hit. After 9/11 happened, I became uber-patriotic. It made me think about the police, firemen and armed forces and what they are doing for us," said Patrick Waltz.

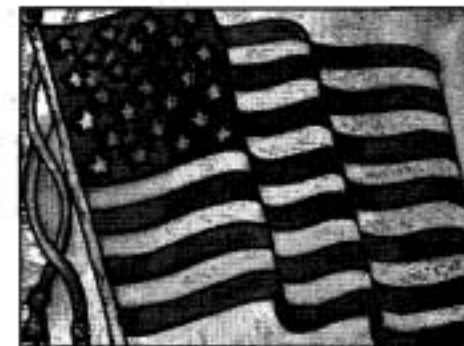


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Compiled by Reagan Williams  
Contributions by Kayla Barnes, Leslie Gober and Nick Lehwald



be Sept. 18. Voting will be on Sept. 25.  
Contact: Dr. Harding, pharding@jsu.edu.

92J: 92J will be raffling off big prize packs on Sept. 19, 20 and 21 in the TMB.  
Contact: Chad, WLJS92j@yahoo.com.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity and clarity.

## CAMPUS CRIME

Sept. 2  
UPD reported the distribution of a controlled substance in the Crow Hall parking lot.

Sept. 5  
Dominique Marks reported the unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle in the Daugette Hall parking lot.

Sept. 7  
Micah Hill reported the unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle in which a Sony Walk-man CD player, bookbag and textbooks were stolen.

John Maples reported the burglary of and theft of a debit card and textbooks at Crow Hall.

Sept. 8  
Christopher Moore reported the theft of a Dell computer and charger at Daugette Hall.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Self Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSU/UPD at 782-5050.

once voted "Mr. Friendly." In addition to currently serving as Student Government Association President, Drake has held many important positions on campus throughout his five years here at JSU, including SGA Vice-President of Student Activities (for two terms), Alabama Collegiate Legislature State Board, JSU Ambassadors, JSU Peer Counselors, JSU Interfraternity Council and Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC) Area III Vice-President. All that, and he still had time to make it on both the President's and Dean's lists. Whoa! It sounds like Russell has been extremely busy since he came to Jacksonville.

Starting at JSU back in 2001, he originally chose this university for the music program. "My band director in high school was a graduate of JSU and was a Marching Southerner. So I saw, even back then, the impact that JSU had on him, and I wanted to participate in a program of that degree," Russell said. He first began as a music major, but after a year he decided his calling was in the education program.

One aspect of Russell's life that has not changed the entire time is his activity involvement on campus. In high school, he held the Student Council President office, and he was constantly involved. This carried over

history to hold the office of President for two consecutive terms is very important to Russell. "Since the student governments establishment in 1946, Chris Dempsey (the President from 1993-1995) is the only other to share this accomplishment, and that really makes me feel good about what I have done on campus," he said.

He's not one to make a big deal about differences, but something that sets Russell apart from his predecessors is the fact that he is the first African-American to be elected as President at JSU. "I don't want to really focus on that specifically, but the principle of the whole thing is great! I feel very blessed to be the first African-American President ever here," Russell noted.

Many people do not realize it, but being the SGA President can be very time consuming. "One thing I have mastered since I became an officer is time management," Russell said.

Mondays are usually the busiest days for Russell due to all the meetings that take place on that day. He begins his day at 8:30 a.m. with an executive officers' meeting and then rushes off to class from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. After his

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# Senate Minutes

By Reagan Williams  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State University's Student Government Association's first senate meeting for the 2006-2007 school year began just like any other senate meeting.

The agenda called for 21 new bills, all of which were appointments.

Student bills six through eight appointed three justices: Angela Icolono, Drew Carlson and Keyrunta Houston.

David Jennings was appointed as the Executive Assistant to the SGA President in student bill four and Academic Affairs Committee Head in student bill 14.

Shavon Prather was appointed as the Director of Publicity in student bill nine.

Student bill 10 appointed Meredith Harvey as the senate clerk.

Sabrina Ussery is now the Chaplain as mandated in student bill 11.

Student Bill 13 appointed Brett Smith as President Pro-Tempore of the Student Senate and student bill 20 appointed him as the Homecoming Committee Head.

Destini Mayberry was appointed the Allocations Committee Head in student bill 15.

Student bill 16 appointed Jasmine Sessom as the Athletic Support and Spirit Committee Head.

Charday Olan was designated as the Campus Safety Committee Head in student bill 17.

The MADE Committee Head was named as Brittney Cunningham in student bill 21.

Student bill 22 appointed Shalon Hathcock as the Publicity Committee Head.

Residence Life and Facilities Committee Head is now Tyrone Smiley by student bill 23.

Summer Dase was appointed the STARS Committee

Head in student bill 24.

Student bills five and 19 were tabled since the appointees were not in attendance.

The SGA started a new council to make sure the committees are fulfilling their duties. The Committee Chairman Council is composed of 11 committee chairs, the Senate Clerk and the Vice President of the Student Senate. Summer Dase will be the Chief of Council.

There will be an Organizational Council meeting on Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Auditorium. Allocations will begin after that meeting for the organizations in attendance.

There are two seats available in the student senate. The applications are due on Friday, Sept. 15 by 4:30 p.m. in room 402D TMB.

If your organization would like an announcement on the tear-off calendar, they are due the 20th of every month in the Office of Student Life.

## What's Being an Army Officer Worth?

What's a Degree Worth?	Average Starting Salary
Nursing	\$46,840
Accounting	\$45,723
Economics/Finance	\$45,191
Business Administration	\$39,850
Marketing	\$37,446
Criminal Justice	\$33,222
Political Science	\$32,734
Psychology	\$30,958
Elementary Education	\$30,308
History	\$30,306
Biology/Life Sciences	\$26,449

Annual Vacation	≤14 days
Sick Leave	≤14 days
Health & Dental Care	Expensive

## What's an Army Officer's Starting Salary Worth?

Starting Salary	\$41,641
After 2 years of service	\$57,849
After 4 years of service	\$67,302

Annual Vacation	30 days+Federal Holidays
Sick Leave	Unlimited
Health & Dental Care	Free
Plus annual cost of living adjustments	

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# Flight 77 hits too close to home for one student

by Kevin Jeffers  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Often lost in people's remembrance of the 9/11 attacks is American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, killing everyone on board and over 100 people in the building. Meaghan Hudson, a sophomore at JSU, lived in Arlington at the time.

"I lived maybe five minutes from the Pentagon," said Meaghan. "My high school was one of the closest ones next to it, too. It was a really nice day. It was Tuesday, and it was beautiful outside."

Everybody remembers where they were and what they were doing when the news of the attacks came. Meaghan has been reliving that day repeatedly since. She was at school when

the news hit.

"I looked up and I saw the twin towers got hit... it didn't really register, what just happened. I thought 'Is someone playing a joke?' The severity of it didn't hit. Then I saw the Pentagon [was] hit...and then...it just kind of felt like my world crashed," she said.

Her mother, who works for the Department of Defense for Naval Criminal Investigative Services, had a scheduled meeting in the Pentagon that day. Meaghan's little sister, Caroline, who was only five at the time, was also in the building at a daycare.

"She says that lightning hit the building, and it sounded like thunder. And then all of a sudden they just started running... it was chaotic.

"I go across the hallway and tried calling her, and the phones

were down and everybody, all of a sudden, you just see people getting up using their phones. All phones were down. So I just started bawling. I was just really...I just knew something... I don't know...I thought my mom..." Meaghan could not finish her sentence.

"So I went back into the classroom and said I couldn't get ahold of her. I was freaking out. I went up to the guidance counselor's office, and there was half the school in there watching the TV because it was just so ridiculous. Everybody was panicking because we kept hearing about this second plane that was supposed to hit.

"I remember in the hallways, someone walked by my locker and said, 'I'm glad I don't have anybody there,' and I just fell to the ground."

Around noon, her little sister came with her dad to the school to visit Meaghan. Both were unharmed, but Meaghan still did not have any news of her mother. At 1:07, her mother finally showed up, also unharmed. Fortunately, she was not even in the building because she had a doctor's appointment and missed her meeting.

With the news that her mother and little sister escaped disaster, Meaghan went home. To this day, she has trouble reliving the worst day of her life.

"I didn't even go to school the next day because I was too upset," she said. Being so close to the crash, she said the area did not begin to heal until the rebuilding of the crash scene was complete.

"Where I was at, we could smell it. You could smell the

burning. Bodies and ash...it was just this awful smell. I can still remember what that smells like, exactly. It's five minutes from my house. I had to drive by it every day.

"We don't really talk about it. I can't go see 9/11. There were songs that came out on the radio that were really moving, but I can't listen to them. It's too much. Everything comes back. The smell, the feeling...when they say "we remember" or "yeah, I know where I was that day," well, I was there. My mom is my life, so is my little sister. I don't have anybody else."

Meaghan is a 19-year old psychology student at JSU and is a member of Delta Zeta. She loves how beautiful and warm the campus is.

## Is it too soon for WTC and United 93?



Courtesy of Universal Pictures

By Daniel Weeks  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

9/11/2001 – A freaking speeding ticket. It was my first one. I had never been to court once, had never even been in trouble. Today was a different story, as I was guilty as charged. This statement played over and over in my mind as I woke myself up with a hot shower. It was early in the morning but apparently not early enough. I had gotten used to getting up early because my high school started at 7:45 a.m., and I had to miss hanging out with my friends because of a freaking speeding ticket. I

stepped out of my hot shower and into a cold reality in which there was no warm towel, just the cold bathroom tile and the future moment in a cold courtroom. However, New York City and the world were waking up to a darker, colder reality. A plane had hit the World Trade Center. I walked downstairs to eat my breakfast, and that was when my dad told me the news. I could not believe what I was hearing,

so I looked at the television and NBC News confirmed my doubts. I stared blankly at the live telecast on television and watched as a second plane hit tower number two. I thought it was a replay. The rest of that day was different for many Americans. I was searched at the courtroom doors. Later on,

a man said a prayer. One event covered the world in a blanket of sadness and turned many of us into heroes and friends.

Now fast forward four and a half years. The battle in Iraq continues and a movie trailer sparks the interest and tears of

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## Freedom is not free

By Toni Merriss  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Although not serving on active duty at the time of the 9/11 attacks, U.S. Army Reserves Officer Captain John Davis Reynolds Jr., was appalled when the news came. "I was in a meeting at the time and the advertising executive got a call to turn the news on immediately. My entire office watched the events unfold on a four inch portable television," he said sadly.

For the next week, Reynolds checked his voicemail

many nations and to share with them what America was about," Reynolds said.

When he returned from Afghanistan, Reynolds was so inspired by the troops he had worked with -- some as young as 17 -- that he decided to request an active guard reserve assignment.

"I want America to be here for the young people of today and tomorrow. So, I accepted an assignment in the Active Guard Reserve Program," Reynolds said.

Overall, the attacks of 9/11 have fundamentally changed the entire military profession. "Every week, I reflect on

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first class, he gets a short talking to. That student could break to take care of any be a future SGA President.

Although his time at JSU will be coming to an end in



first class, he gets a short break to take care of any personal errands before going back to class from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday he can be found in his office from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. "On Monday, I am usually busy returning phone calls from the week before and getting everything straight for the Senate meeting that night," Russell said. At 5:30 p.m., the executive officers all head over to the cafeteria to eat dinner together before the Senate meeting at 6 p.m. When Senate is over, around 7 p.m., Russell gets a break from his hectic schedule.

Wednesdays are a bit more relaxed for Russell. "I like to start looking toward the next week so that maybe Monday won't be so crazy for me. It doesn't usually work," he said.

When students wander into the office looking for information, it is generally Drake that educates them. "When a student calls the office or comes by wanting to get involved, I always enjoy talking to them because you never know who you might be

talking to. That student could be a future SGA President. Either way, the younger students are definitely the future of tomorrow, so anything I can do today, I will," Russell said.

As SGA President, Russell has many responsibilities that most students do not even realize. The first and third



File Photo the university. He meets monthly with the JSU President Dr. William Meehan, and he is also required to maintain an active seat on the President's Council of Student Government Presidents across Alabama. Can anyone say stressful?

To unwind and sometimes get away from the everyday pressures, Russell likes to leave town just to clear his head. "Sometimes I will just go to Gadsden to go out to eat and get outside my bubble. It really helps me to put a better perspective on things," Russell confessed.

Although his time at JSU will be coming to an end in April, he considers himself very lucky to have all the memories from his past four years on SGA. "Of course I will be sad for it all to come to an end, but I know that everything has its cycle. I have gotten so much out of everything I have been offered here at JSU, so I can only look back with fond memories and hope that JSU continues its rise to excellence," Russell concluded.

office watched the events unfold on a four inch portable television," he said sadly. For the next week, Reynolds checked his voicemail and email every hour, expecting to receive orders to go to war. His call to duty would not come for over three years. "While I waited to be called, I prayed for my fellow service members that I knew had been activated for the Global War on Terrorism," he said.

One thing that did change greatly for Reynolds was the attention and appreciation he received while in his military uniform. "In the past, I was not acknowledged much for wearing the uniform, but afterward people appreciated me more for my service and thanked me for being Freedom's guardian," Reynolds explained.

When Reynolds was finally called up in February 2004, he was sent to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan to assist in Military Police Operations in not only Afghanistan but also Uzbekistan, with the 25th Infantry Division, out of Hawaii. "This experience made me appreciate life and the USA even more than ever! I had an opportunity to interact with people from

Guard Reserve Program," Reynolds said.

Overall, the attacks of 9/11 have fundamentally changed the entire military profession. "Every week, I reflect on my job as a professional officer in the U.S. Army," Reynolds said. "I also remember the oath of office that I have taken which is to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic.

"I'm happy to be an officer of the arms profession and that I decided to remain freedom's guardian; moreover, I'm glad that I decided to come back on active duty to train the future Lieutenants of JSU and prepare them to defend the USA as professionals in the Armed Forces. I will never forget 9/11 and my experience in Afghanistan. This nation is blessed and is the land of opportunity and everyone should do something to ensure the USA stays that way. 9/11 reminds me why I serve the USA."

Captain John Davis Reynolds Jr. is currently the Military Science I Instructor for ROTC located in Rowe Hall. He is responsible for recruiting operations and enrollment in the Military Science classes.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

DO YOU THINK WE  
SHOULD MAKE 9/11

A NATIONALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
HOLIDAY?



**Matt Morgan**  
Senior

"Yes, I do. It marks a  
change in our nation's  
history."



**Kaitie Shell**  
Senior

"Yeah, we're going to  
remember it anyway, we  
might as well."

# Moving forward while looking back

By Summer Hunt  
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

My parents always talk about where they were when they got the news that President Kennedy was shot. For our generation, everyone remembers where they were on Sept. 11 at the time of the terrorist attacks.

I remember being in school and watching the footage on television. I also remember continuing to watch it all day, over and over, along with the 500 other kids in the school. The halls were not free from the noise of conversation, but there was a certain whispered quality to the students' voices in the hall. We watched in horror with our eyes glazed over, our mouths open in shock and our minds struggling to comprehend what was happening and what this meant for our country. We were stricken with a sort of silent desperation; there was nothing we could say, nothing we could do. We just simply sat and watched as it played out before our very eyes.

Five years later, things have changed. Our country is fighting a Global War on Terrorism. Some people are frightened to get on planes or even travel at all. However, there is one thing that has changed that is definitely for the better: we are no longer silent. We have found our voices, and we are speaking out loud. Here's what some of JSU's students had to say.

"There's the whole issue of 'is America safer?' I think it is, but we are more isolated," said Evan Wilkins, a graduate student.

Kristin Shives, a senior, said that "There are still many unanswered questions as to how it happened or if it could have been prevented. I still feel so horrible for the families."

"I think that people have fallen into a rut," said senior Stephen Johnson. "Everyone wants to be cautious, but then they complain about having to wait three hours to get on a plane."



By Kim Davis  
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

9/11 starts out as two brothers' exploration of the life of a probationary New York City firefighter, but accidentally turns into a trip into the Towers the day they fell.

This documentary takes viewers on an emotional roller coaster of what firefighters encountered during the world trade center tragedy.

This real life documentary takes you on an eyewitness account of what is known now as Ground Zero, and how firefighters worked their way through debris and flames.

You might not have known

# Follow firefighters into the Twin Towers

before that the NYC Fire Department was in the Towers as long as they were. The firefighters we follow through the video were at the Trade Center two minutes after the first plane hit, and they don't leave until after the building has collapsed around them.

While one of the two brothers filming the documentary followed the firefighters into the Towers, the other brother wandered the streets of New York, recording everything he saw. Before the second plane hit, people were just staring, but after Tower 2 was attacked you can see people in the streets of

New York City running for their lives, screaming, crying, and calling out to their loved ones in many different languages.

Some people, they never got to see the end of that day. Many trapped above the planes in the Towers escaped by jumping.

One of the firefighters

asked, "How bad it is up there that it's better to jump?"

Both brothers -- and their cameras -- were engulfed when both Tower 1 and Tower 2 fell. When the dust finally settled, both brothers continued to record, even though they each thought the other was dead.

After the Towers fell, the firefighters walked back to the station covered in debris. Every time another firefighter wandered in, there were hugs and tears and several curse words.

Another interesting aspect of this video is that it continues into the rescue operations. The NYC Fire Department tried every tactic, procedure, and command to rescue people, but all the training in the world could have not prepared them for this.

"We have new probes now," said a firefighter. "But they'll never know what it was like that day."

## Too soon? *from page 3*

millions of Americans. *United 93* is born. The trailer airs in select theaters all over the U.S., including ones in NYC, and is not well received. *United 93* is greeted with boos, chants of "too soon" and thousands of theaters littered with over-salted popcorn and smuggled-in candy.

United Airlines Flight 93 was en route from Newark, NJ, to San Francisco, CA, when four men hijacked the plane. Their plan was

passion that made this film believable; however, the camera shakiness and the drawn-out scenes that led up to the event made this film not one to be seen on the big screen but good to watch at home on your own television.

I highly recommend this film, not for entertainment purposes or for a movie night, but for a good historical account that will remind viewers that everyone can have the drive to be a hero.

Soon after *United 93*, an-

from the over-abundant, "I'm thinking something bad is going to happen" slow-motion sequences, it was a very well-directed movie. The all-star cast (there were a few lesser-known actors) really bring out the emotion in the screenplay and enforce the severity of the event. Cage even provided a good performance; however, his supporting cast outdid him by far. Stunning vivid imagery backed by the powerful emotions and a near accu-

rate re-creation of the towers made this movie as realistic as possible without rebuilding the towers. *World Trade Center* struck me emotionally, and I cried within the first five minutes. I highly recommend that you do go see this movie. If you choose to see it, buy a ticket for a friend, family member or significant other; do not go alone. Oh, and by the way - stop by Wal-Mart and pick up some Kleenex. You'll need it.

Is it too soon for these movies? At first I thought yes. For several JSU students, this probably hit close to home. Yet after seeing these movies, I think they should have come out sooner. Personally, these movies reminded me and inspired me to realize that there is and always will be a little bit of New York and 9/11 inside all of us.





**Evan Wilkins**  
Grad Student

"Absolutely."



**Stephen Johnson**  
Senior

"Yeah, I do. If you put it out of our minds and don't recognize it, we'll get into the same situation as before. That's when it will happen again."



**Kristin Shives**  
Senior

"Yes, I do."

NY, to San Francisco, CA, when four men hijacked the plane. Their plan was to crash the plane into the White House; however, it was abruptly thwarted by the brave men and women on the flight. The plane crashed into a field in a small town in Pennsylvania. There were no survivors.

This movie was written, directed and produced by Paul Greengrass (*The Bourne Supremacy*). It tries, as accurately as possible, to portray the incidents that occurred on that day from several different perspectives, from the air traffic controllers all the way to the military. The in-flight accounts were mainly improvised using the actual phone calls from the passengers on the flight as a foundation. The actors in this movie were mostly people with little acting experience, but they played their parts well. The part of National Operations Manager Ben Sliney was actually played by Sliney himself. The terrorists, as well as our beloved American heroes, possessed very convincing

ers that everyone can have the drive to be a hero.

Soon after *United 93*, another movie was in the making. The reception of this movie was slightly different because it was an account of the beginning of the events that sparked fear in us all. The movie was titled *World Trade Center*. It attracted my curiosity because many friends of mine had watched it and loved the story as well as the movie itself. Nicholas Cage (*Gone in 60 Seconds*, *Adaptation*) and Michael Pena (*Million Dollar Baby*, *Crash*) star as John McLoughlin and Will Jimeno, two port authority officers that become trapped in the rubble of the Twin Towers. This story was an amazing one of survival, friendship, unity and the effects of the attacks on the families and people from all over the world. It also shows how the attacks on our country inspired the hero inside of all of us. The movie was directed by Oliver Stone (*Natural Born Killers*, *JFK*) and the screenplay was given some contributions from John McLoughlin himself. Aside

ery backed by the powerful and pick up some Kleenex. You'll need it.

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# Gamecocks shutout Hornets, lose to Owls

By Chris Lundy  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Led by co-captain Christina Balint's hat trick, the JSU soccer team shutout the Alabama State Hornets 6-0 on Friday night. The Gamecocks dominated the Hornets, stopping them in attempts on shots.

"It was nice for the team to come away with a shutout," said Head Coach Julie Davis. "We did a good job of finishing our chances, and we were defensively solid in the back."

Balint's first goal came in the 35th minute and the second in the 58th minute. The third goal for Balint was scored in the 64th minute. Erica West, Amber DeLaney and Sarah McAulay scored one goal each.

"We tried a new system tonight, and I think that gave Balint the opportunity to attack more," said Davis. "She came out and finished like a senior should."

The Gamecocks shot a total of 37 shots and 18 shots on goal. Balint lead the team with 16 shots and eight shots on goals.

"I think we stepped up the energy and had a good time playing soccer," said Balint. "Our energy was infectious tonight and our level of competition was higher."

Jacksonville State lost at Kennesaw State to the Owls on Sunday 3-0. The Gamecocks return home on Tuesday, Sept. 19, to host the Georgia State Panthers at 7 p.m. at the JSU Soccer Field.



Sarah McAulay looks to pass to one of her teammates.

Photo by Natalie Roig

## Football: Ready for SEMO

By Chris Lundy  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After another tough, last-second loss to Furman, the Gamecocks are looking to put away the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks in the home opener.

"There's nothing that has happened to change our expectations of ourselves and our season," said head coach Jack Crowe. "I expect to be improved when Southeast Missouri comes in here on Saturday."

Quarterback Matt Hardin went 9-17 for a total 108 yards passing and two interceptions against Furman. Although it was a losing effort, Hardin's performance allowed him to get a feel for the momentum of his offense as he leads the Gamecocks into this weekend.

"He's on his way to being a great quarterback," said Crowe. "I have no doubt his consistency between him and the receivers will get better as the season progresses."

Last season, JSU defeated the Redhawks 24-10 at Cape Girardeau, MO. This weekend looks to be an impressive game for both teams.

"They're completely different from any SEMO team we've played against," said Crowe. "This is probably the best SEMO team I've seen by far."

The Redhawks defeated Austin Peay State Sept. 2 by a score of 38-13 and handled

# G2K Get to Know: Christina Balint

By Chris Lundy  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Christina Balint is not your average soccer player. Known for her hat trick against Alabama State on Sept. 8, she is not known for her skills as an ultimate Frisbee player. Balint took the time for the Chanticleer to get personal with her off the field.

Chanticleer Sports: What is your major?  
Christina Balint: My major is in the Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in Biology

CS: Do you have any siblings?

CB: I'm the only child, but I always felt like my parents were my siblings because we grew up together and learned from each other.

CS: That's interesting.

CB: It is, but we really learned from each other. I really got to see the human side of them. I learned from their mistakes because they let me see them as opposed to 'normal' parents working out their differences behind closed doors.

CS: Favorite food?

CB: Pie! Strawberry-rhubarb pie! It's the

Harmer. She's an acoustic singer. I play the guitar when I have spare time.

CS: You play the guitar?

CB: I've only been playing a year, but I love it. When I have just a minute or two I play.

CS: What do you like about the guitar?

CB: It's very calming and therapeutic.

CS: Favorite memory?

CB: I got tons! Last spring break I went to Hawaii with some teammates. We stayed in a hostel. We went volcano hiking, and we hiked through a bamboo forest. Hawaii is gorgeous.

CS: Any other memories?

CB: I worked in the Rocky Mountains on the Canadian side of the border. I was a camp counselor and we would take our kids hiking, horseback riding, camping, and all the typical camp stuff. That was the summer of 2005. We would light fires and look at the stars. It was very relaxing.

CS: What do you enjoy doing outside of soccer?

CB: In the winter, I love snowboarding. I love ultimate Frisbee! It's such a great sport. I love racquetball, too. As soon as the season is over, I'm playing racquetball

back home?

CB: Definitely spending time with my friends and my family. I call my friends and let them know I'm coming so we can go hang out and spend quality time together. I only see them every five or six months, so we catch up and talk for hours and hours.

CS: You're from Canada, right?

CB: I'm from Toronto. It's very multicultural. They're more accepting of the "ism's" in Toronto than here. The crime rate here just blew me away. I don't know the numbers, but it's less in Toronto.

CS: Are there any clubs you are involved in? I know soccer takes up a good big of your time.

CB: I've been in the Rotaract Club. It's the student chapter version of the Rotary Club. We've raised money for Hurricane Katrina victims, Boys and Girls Club, Tsunami victims and we've done Habitat for Humanity projects. We've also done projects for UNICEF. For a while, I was in the Geography Club. We tried to start a recycling program.

CS: This is your senior year. What do you

hours together, so they're my family.

I feel like I'll be ready to leave. I love it here, but it's time to move on and do other things.

CS: Do

you have any plans after graduation?

CB: I want to travel and see the world. I would like to teach abroad for awhile. I really want to adopt new cultures and learn new languages. I don't want to be a visitor or a tourist. I want to understand the culture and become apart of it.

CS: Any advice for the freshmen?



File Photo

Christina Balint



ferences behind closed doors.  
 CS: Favorite food?  
 CB: Pie! Strawberry-rhubarb pie! It's the best pie ever! My dad and I eat it like a pie-eating contest.  
 CS: Favorite music?  
 CB: I like everything, but I like Sarah

CB: In the winter, I love snowboarding. I love ultimate Frisbee! It's such a great sport. I love racquetball, too. As soon as the season is over, I'm playing racquetball. I just love them all, but those are the cool ones.  
 CS: What do you enjoy doing when you go

in the Geography Club. We tried to start a recycling program.  
 CS: This is your senior year. What do you feel you've accomplished outside of soccer?  
 CB: I definitely feel like I've made friends for life with my teammates. We spend 24

or a tourist. I want to understand the culture and become apart of it.  
 CS: Any advice for the freshmen?  
 CB: Keep the hard work and passion in your life. It will get you through anything.

The Redhawks defeated Austin Peay State Sept. 2 by a score of 38-13 and handled Missouri-Rolla on the ninth 44-23.

"(SEMO Head Coach) Tony Samuel has put together a great staff similar to the background he's familiar with," says Crowe. "It's obvious he has a plan to win."

With SEMO coming in undefeated and the Gamecocks looking for a big win in Paul Snow Stadium, the Sept. 16 home opener should prove to be an exciting game.



# Nigel Platt Camp successful for rugby team

By Chris Lundy  
 The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Clemson University head coach Nigel Platt hosted his camp on Friday and Saturday at the Paul Carpenter Village Field. The team continued to refine their technique as they prepare for their first game on Sept. 16.

"I'm looking for them to have endurance, stamina and fitness," said Platt. "I'm going to put them through some grueling tests and hope they take on something I'm teaching them."

The club was 4-2-1 last season with big wins over Georgia, Kennesaw State and a tie with Alabama. The teams hopes to continue its winning ways by receiving advice from Platt.

"I wanted to bring in a solid, experienced rugby player," said Rugby coach Mike Trowse. "He was a back and I was a forward, so it balances out really well. But I'm giving him the whistle and letting him running the camp."

Platt put them through numerous fitness tests, including the Bleep Test. The test is a 20-meter run that measures how well athletes are in shape.

"There have only been two people in the world to successfully pass the Bleep Test," said Platt. "One of them is world soccer player David



Photo by Rachael Boyd

Nigel Platt speaks to rugby camp attendees.

Beckham and the other is cyclist Lance Armstrong."

The team felt confident about the knowledge they received from Platt.

"Overall, we got in a lot of field time with a very experienced coach," said President and Assistant Coach Jared Sorensen. "Everything we took in we'll be able to put into good use."

The club's first game is an invitational to the Birmingham Rugby Football Club and play against teams in the Birmingham Men's Club. Their first home game is Sept. 30 against Auburn.

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